WB Assistance to Orissa for Water and Sanitation Projects

1686. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank assistance has been provided to Orissa for water supply and sanitation projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places where work has actually been started under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No world Bank assistance has been provided to Orissa for Water Supply and Sanitation projects in urban areas.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Irregularities in Purchase of Envelope Making Machines

1687. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry on its own had referred the case of large scale irregularities in the purchase of two imported envelope making machines worth Rs. 2.75 crores to the CBI sometime in 1997;

(b) if so, what is the latest status of the chargesheet which should have been filed by now in the court of law; and

(c) the officers responsible who didn't pursue the said case in the periodical manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to CBI the investigations have been

completed and evidence collected is under legal scrutiny. There is no delay as the case was first investigated as a Preliminary Enquiry and later on converted into a Regular Case. The case involved intensive field investigation at various places in the country.

Illegal Dhabas Running in Sarojini Nagar

† 1688. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in connivance with some officials many dhabas are being run illegally in Sarojini Nagar where generally anti-social elements gather in the night and the local residents have to face various types of problems;

(b) whether stringent steps are being taken by Government to remove these dhabas and by when these would be removed;

(c) Government's plan to prevent the re-emergence of such dhabas in future; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLIVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) It is true that some dhabas have encroached the Government land in Sarojini Nagar. However, there is no connivance of CPWD officials in it.

(b) The matter has been taken up with the local bodies and police authorities for removal of the dhabas. No time frame can be given for this.

(c) and (d) Action will be taken as per guidelines issued by the Government.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.